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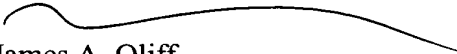
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- ☒ 3. References 1-3, 6 and 7 were cited in the International Search Report. An English language version of the International Search Report is attached for the Examiner's information.
- ☒ 4. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2)(ii), copies of any U.S. patents and patent application publications are not attached.
- ☒ 5. English language Abstracts of the non-English language references 2-5 are attached hereto.

- ☒ 6. A computer-generated English language translation of Japanese Patent Publications 2-5 has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office (<http://www.jpo.go.jp>), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy.

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	6)	EP 1 078 678 A2	02/28/2001	EUROPE		
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